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Fig. 1.

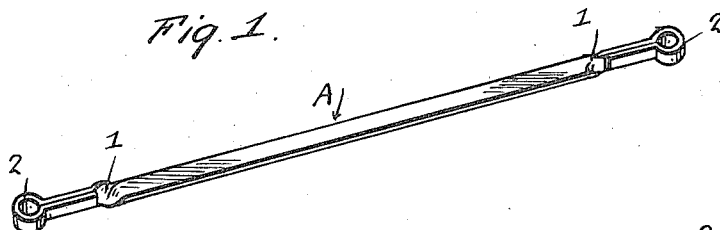


Fig. 2.

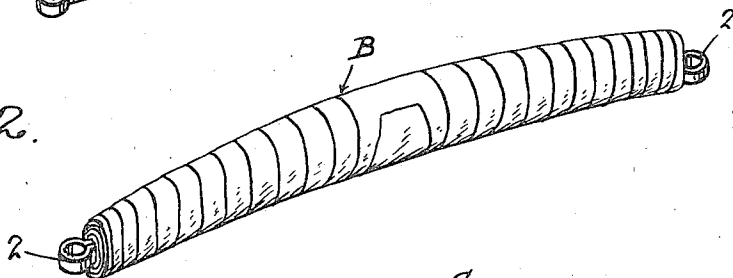


Fig. 3.

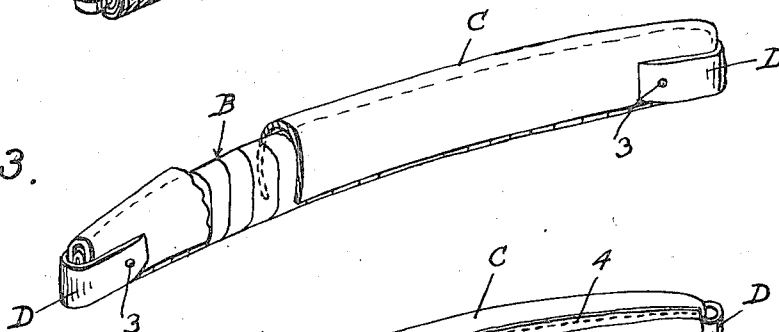


Fig. 4.

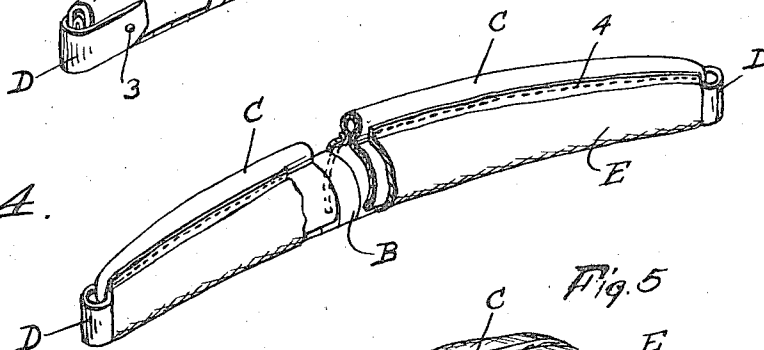


Fig. 6

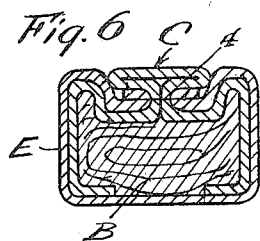
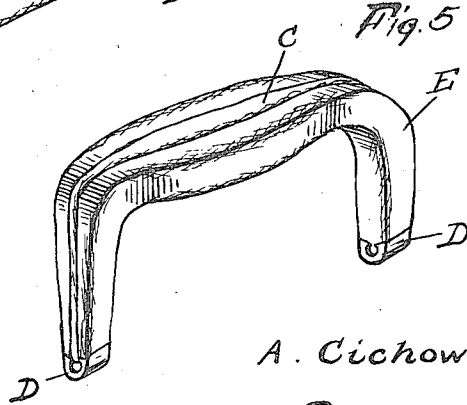


Fig. 5



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1 Claim. (Cl. 190—57)

This invention relates to a handle for a suitcase or the like, the general object of the invention being to provide a handle of considerable strength which is so formed as to be very comfortable to the hand of the user.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a view of the metal rod used with the handle.

Figure 2 is a view of the rod wrapped with the paper or other material.

Figure 3 is a view partly broken away showing the lining material and the clip added to the device.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 but showing the rubber or other covering sewn in place.

Figure 5 is a view of the completed handle.

Figure 6 is a transverse section through the completed handle.

In these views the letter A indicates a bar or rod which has its ends twisted as shown at 1 and these ends bent to form the eyes 2. One or more strips B of paper or the like are then spirally wrapped around the bar with the eyes 2 projecting as shown in Figure 2 so that the device shown in Figure 2 gradually decreases in diameter from the center toward its end. A lining C of any suitable material is then placed over the device as formed in Figure 2 and clips D of leather or any other suitable material are fastened at the ends of the device and rivets 3 pass through the ends of the parts as shown in Figure 3. Then the outer covering of leather or similar material, shown at E is placed in position with its side edges uppermost and the upper portion of the member C projecting upwardly between the side edges shown in Figure 4, these parts being sewn together as shown at 4 and as it will be seen from this figure those portions of the member D which

surround the eyes 2 project from the ends of the body. It will thus be seen that an upstanding bead or ridge of material is formed from member C by the line of stitching connecting the edges of cover E to member C in this manner.

When the body is pressed downwardly with respect to Figure 4 into substantially the position shown in Figure 5 the body will bend and the covering E and C will contract so that the stitching is practically concealed. This pressing is done by a press and then the handle is placed in another press and shaped to provide the finished product as shown in Figure 5. Wherever desirable a certain amount of glueing may be used to hold the parts in position.

As will be seen the handle is of considerable strength and of attractive form and there is only one line of stitching extending across the top and this is practically hidden from view when the handle is shaped to its natural form.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:—

The herein described method of forming a handle for a suitcase or the like consisting in providing a metal bar having eyes at its ends, wrapping paper or the like around the bar with the eyes exposed, then placing a lining member over the upper portion of the body formed by the paper strip, then fastening end strips to the ends of the body with portions of the strips extending around the eyes, then placing a covering strip around the body with the side edges uppermost and placing one on each side of the upper portion of the lining strip, then sewing the edges to said upper portion and then bending the ends of the body downwardly to provide a U-shaped handle, whereby the seam at the upper edge of the body will flatten out.

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